Setting up of gas based power plant at Gandhar in Gujarat

93. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to set up a gas based power project at Gandhar in Gujarat has been given final clearance;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat State is likely to face acute shortage of energy in future;

(c) what are the reasons for delay in clearing the proposal of Gandhar gas based power plant; and

(d) by when the Central Government will give final clearance to the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per present projections, the State is expected to meet the energy requirements from 1990-91 onwards, upto 1992-93, provided the ongoing projects are completed on schedule.

(c) and (d) The proposal in respect of a gas-based power pioject at Gandhar could be processed further after the necessary inputs, including the confirmation of linkage of gas, are tied up.

Telephone exchanges in the rural areas of Gujarat

94. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big demand to open the telephone exchanges in rural areas in Gujarat;

(b) if so, how many telephone exchanges are likely to be opened in Gujarat before the end of the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) how many new telephone exchanges are likely to be opened in Gujarat in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) what are the details of the new telephone exchanges sanctioned in Gujarat in the Seventh Plan and those which are likely to be sanctioned in the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, about forty new telephone exchanges are likely to be opened.

(c) About 300 exchanges will be opened subject to demand and availability of equipment.

(d) Nearly 140 have been sanctioned in first 4 years of Seventh Plan and about 300 new exchanges are expected to be sanctioned duiing the Eighth Plan period subject to availability of equipment and paid demands.

Plan Outlay in the Power Sector

95. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI SUBASH MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the Central Plan Outlay in the Power Sector for the year 1989-90;

(b) whether it will be more or less as compared to-the outlay of the current financial year 1988-89; and

(c) how much power is anticipated to be required during 1989-90 and how far the outlay planned for that year is expected to meet the year's requirement of power ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (c) The outlay for Central Sector schemes of the Department of Power for 1989-90 is Rs. 3948 crores which is 30-25% more than the approved outlay for the financial year 1988-89. It is likely to meet the requirements of the power programme envisaged for the year 1989-S0. The energy requirement during 1989-90 is estimated to be 248.7 billion units.

Petrochemical project in Ratnagiri district

96. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a petro-chemical complex in Ratnagiri district of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the project and by when it is likely to come up?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) A letter of intent was issued to M/s. Finolex Pipes Pvt. Ltd. on 13-6-88 for the setting up of **a** project for the manufacture of 1,00,000 tonnes per annum of PVC at Jaigad in Maharashtra. This letter of intent is valid for a period of three years. However, normally, it will take four to five years to set up such projects. The estimated cost of the project is around Rs. 200 crores.

Special team to work out the overcharging

97. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will be Miniser of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the members of the special team appointed to work out the overcharging were chosen by Development Commissioner (Drugs) in consultation with drug companies;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the assessment report of the special team to determine DPEA Liability was also examined by Development Commissioner (Drugs) himself;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there are irregularities in the working out of overcharging; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The examination of cases is done in accordance with delegation of powers amongst various officers.

(c) and (d) The Special Team headed by Shri R.N. Tandon, Joint Director has so far submitted reports in respect of 7 Companies for the period upto 31-12-1983. They are under examination of the Govt. The reports in respect of other companies are awaited.

Composition of Coir Board

98. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) what is the composition of the Coir Board;

(b) whether any representation has been given to SC/STs thereon;